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... to recognize those personnel who contribute significantly to their respective organizations and activities.

By JO3 Jay Price

Editor

Four times a year, NASSIG selects the best of the best and rewards them for being the best. This year's Junior Sailor of the Quarter for the third quarter is CE2(SCW) Joseph L. Johnson of Public Works. Johnson is an assistant shop supervisor and PW's fitness coordinator. Johnson, married to Patricia and

father to Nicholas, was born in Fort Worth, Texas, where he grew up with two sisters. He carries with him six years of U.S. Naval experience that started out as an undesignated Sailor working his way up. Johnson spent most of his career aboard USS Gunston Hall and with NMCB 7 from Gulf Port, Mississippi before coming to Sigonella. Now, according to Johnson, he's the

'go-to' guy when his supervisors need something done, "Because they know that I will get it done." What made Johnson the best wasn't his trustworthiness and dependability, although they help; he is also the Public Works Fitness Coordinator. "I run the 'Mando' program. When I took over the program, I had roughly 20 people... I had everyone, except one person, within standards during the last PRT cycle," said Johnson. When asked why he thought he should be the JSOQ, he said, "I am a top performer!" Reflecting on the interview he received during the selection board, Johnson explained, "It's a great experience knowing that you've been selected as Jr. Sailor of the Quarter. And honestly, I didn't think I was going to get it. When I went to the selection board, I was nervous. I just answered the questions to the best of my abilities and came out on top." Candidates have a list of categories they are graded on. The screening board will consider, but are not restricted by the candidate's performance, leadership, military appearance, behavior, meritorious or commendatory achievement above the scope of duties, educa-

tion accomplishments, participation in local community events and adaptability. Johnson now has the opportunity to make Jr. Sailor of the Year, competing against all four Sailors of the Quarter. "My plans are to continue doing what I am doing and maybe take on more responsibilities... not too much, but just enough to make me excel," he said. Johnson is currently taking the Navy Leadership Course, improving his mind and increasing his knowledge as a Sailor. "When I arrived [at Sigonella], I hit the ground running. I didn't sit back and wait for things, I've been full speed ahead." The Junior Sailor of the Quarter program was established to recognize superior performance of enlisted personnel with emphasis on outstanding achievements, exemplary personal conduct, military bearing and demonstrated initiative in the performance of duty. By achieving JSOQ, the Sailor receives a signed Letter of Commendation, 72-hour liberty granted by their direct chain of command and the Lone Sailor plaque. To find out more about Sailor of the Quarter rules and guidelines, see SECNAV Instruction 1700.15A.

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Read all about the 30 men and women who make up Tops In Blue and what they go through in order to become the oldest and most widely traveled entertainment group in the world. With over 47 years of entertaining experience, Tops In Blue has become America's ambassadors of goodwill. See page 9.



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Italian phrase of the week...

Sto solo guardando.



(I'm just looking.)

SECURITY BLOTTER



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Aug. 27 - Sept. 2

The following incidents were reported and categorized as follows:

Traffic accidents without injuries - 11

Traffic accident with injuries - 5

Car break-ins - 7

DUI - 0

DUI's 2002 - 15

DUI's 2001 - 33

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Direct Line

Capt. Tim Davison, NASSIG
Commanding Officer



The school year started off with a lot of team-work, hard work and complete cooperation from everyone on base from the teachers, security, bus drivers, monitors and especially, the CPO Selectees. I would like to thank our principals, Ms. Marge Lewallen and Dr. Fran Austin, assistant principals, Dr. Eldridge Groomes and Ms. Margarita Rower, teachers, school staff and of course, the students for showing us that a little bit of construction will not deter education. Teachers, as I mentioned to you last week before the base tour, it's great to see you back onboard after the summer recess. You have a big job ahead of you and it is one of the most important ones on this base...educating our children. Sometimes, it is a thankless one but certainly rewarding in more ways than I can express here in my column.

Students, the school is here for you. There is a wide-variety of activities scheduled especially for you to participate in and be a part of the school body. If you find you need help, just ask. Ask your fellow classmates, your teachers and your parents. They can only help if they know you need it. Just study hard and help each other out.

Parents, I encourage you to be involved with your kids and their teachers at school. Be proactive in their education and extra-curricular activities. Show them and tell them they are important. You are a valuable resource to the school, the teachers, but most of all, for the students. Keep a watchful eye on your child and help them grow in their educational endeavors. One way you can help is by joining the Parent-Teachers Association. It is a great way for you to know what is going on. Also, our NASSIG Schools Liaison Officer, Chief Vasquez is always available to help answer any questions or coordinate issues between parents, the school, the students and the Naval Air Station.

Another way for parents, Sailors and civilians to become involved is the Mentorship program. The program provides an avenue, through partnerships, that offers unique opportunities to further the social, emotional, and academic growth of the students through community support, technology, and networking. Some of the program's goals include getting students to recognize their interests, pursue their dreams and to view school as a tool to make those dreams come true.

Some of the opportunities available through the Mentorship program include:

• One-on-one adults mentoring youth

• Coaching high-school and middle school

• Independent study mentorships

• After school activities instructors – share your talents with the youth

• Tutors: math, English, science, and history.

Mentoring has proven to be effective in education, prevention of abuse and violence and crime reduction. Volunteers are a valuable part of the mentoring program. Kids cannot participate without parental permission. Studies show that students with mentors stay in school, make better grades, and are more likely to go on to college. Please contact Ms. Shiloh Cooper, our Mentoring Program Manager, at 624-3212 for more information on this valuable program. Again, welcome to all of the teachers, students and parents. This is going to be a great school year. Be safe and study hard!

The Pulse

Hospital improves Lactation Services

Article courtesy of USNH Sigonella

Naval Hospital Sigonella continues to improve the Lactation Services offered to women. The most recent improvement is the expansion of available breastfeeding rooms. Breastfeeding rooms allow women a private, clean and comfortable place to breastfeed their infant or child. Women are also able to express breast milk while away from their baby with the use of a hospital-grade electric breast pump.

Thanks to the support of the Fleet and Family Service Center, there is now a room located within the new NEX complex. The breastfeeding room is located directly across from the women's bathroom and offers ample room for two women. The room is also equipped with a hospital-grade electric pump. MACM(SW) Richard Jones assisted the purchase of the pump, using donated funds from vendors during the grand opening of the NEX.

According to Lt. Christa Kuehler, a Board Certified Lactation Consultant who works at the hospital, "These type of rooms are so important in facilitating the continuation of breastfeeding."

Many women are not comfortable breastfeeding in public and eventually may stop breastfeeding altogether." Lt. Kuehler states that women who desire to utilize the breast pump will need their own individual kit to attach to the pump. These kits can be obtained free of charge by attending the hospital "Introduction to breastfeeding" class offered the last Thursday of every month from 2 to 4 p.m.

Currently, there is a breastfeeding/breast pump room located on NAS II in AIMD. This room is available to any woman who can access AIMD. Again, this pump requires an individual kit available from the hospital.

For any questions regarding these rooms or to attend the breastfeeding class, please call the hospital Lactation Clinic at 624-4645.

Births

June 24, 2002

Lydia and Kim Yeow
Lyanna Mei Yeow
20 ½ inches, 7 pounds 13 ounces

August 3, 2002

Cristina and Tracy Spencer
David P. Spencer
20 ½ inches, 7 pounds 12 ounces

August 4, 2002

April and Greg Barnes
Peyton Layne Barnes
21 inches, 8 pounds 1 ounce

August 9, 2002

Tabatha Pedano and Ernesto Olmedo
Isabel Briana Olmedo
20 ½ inches, 7 pounds 2 ounces

August 9, 2002

Mary Piticchio and Andrea Carobene
Francesca Carobene
19 ¼ inches, 6 pounds 6 ounces

August 10, 2002

Karen and Shawn Day
Julia Marion Day
22 inches, 8 pounds 6 ounces

August 20, 2002

Pamela and Morgan Lemos
Aliyah Raquel Lemos
20 ½ inches, 7 pounds 5 ounces

August 22, 2002

Sandi and Shawn Crawford
Sierra Nicole Crawford
18 ½ inches, 1 pound 4 ounces

August 23, 2002

Carla Damico and Eddie King
Zion Curtis King
19 inches, 7 pounds 5 ounces

KITCHEN KORNER

Zesty Corn Salsa

By Bea Cook

Contributing writer

6 ears fresh corn, shucked
¼ cup fresh lime juice
2 teaspoons olive oil
½ teaspoon grated lime rind
1 small jalapeno pepper, minced
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon ground cumin

Grill corn, covered with grill lid, over medium-high heat (350-400 degrees) 10 minutes on each side or until browned on all sides. Remove from grill and cool. Cut corn from cob into a bowl; stir in juice and remaining ingredients. Prep: 15 minutes. Grill: 20 minutes. Makes 8 servings. (From *Southern Living*)

S.A.F.

Dogs: 2

Cats: 0

Puppies: 0

Kittens: 2



Call 624-3200 for the Stray Animal Facility if you are looking for a particular animal (ie. Breed, size, color or age).

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Navy Investigator here to help
By JO1 Rick Collins
USS George Washington Public Affairs

ABOARD USS GEORGE WASHINGTON, At Sea (NNS)—“Uh-oh” is not what Maureen Evans wants Sailors to think when they hear her title “Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) Special Agent.”

“I’m not the bad guy,” Evans said. “I’m here to help you.”

While it is Evans’ job to enforce the Uniform Code of Military Justice, she is tasked with the equally important job of protecting more than 7,500 battle group Sailors from outside threats too.

No doubt this 36-year-old Virginia Beach, Va., native knows how to crack a case. She’s spent the last 13 years honing the skills she learned in the classroom and from the streets of cities like Norfolk, Va. and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Evans said she always had a penchant for law enforcement but her road to GW had a unique start. “It was kind of weird,” Evans said of the day she realized she wanted to put on a law enforcement badge.

Nothing in her college transcript or her list of extra-curricular activities points to an interest in law enforcement.

She attended the College of William and Mary on a basketball scholarship and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in theater arts. A year later she found herself working a drive-through teller window at a Virginia Beach bank. After the excitement of basketball and theater, the sedate work environment was more than she could bear.

It all changed in a blink.
“I looked out the window and I saw a Virginia Beach police car drive by. At that time I was getting kind of frustrated because I knew I didn’t want to work inside and I said [to myself] ‘you know what, that’s what I want to do. I want a little more excitement in my life.’”

Now most people might go out for a night on the town or take a vacation to spice up their life, but not Evans. She acted on her impulse and turned it into reality and still has “no regrets.”

It hasn’t been easy. She spent five years as a police officer patrolling the streets of Norfolk, which she freely admits, was no walk in the park.

“You never knew which call you would be answering. The gun would be out of the holster and you were going to be pointing it at somebody.”

While she had spiced up her life, the street beat wasn’t her goal in the beginning. She really wanted to get into federal law enforcement. Her plan was to test this career choice to see if she liked it.

Evans figured that if she didn’t like wearing a patrolman’s uniform, she could quit and go back to school, or the bank. If she did like it, she figured she already had her foot in the door and could work herself into the federal side of the job. Unfortunately, a federal hiring freeze was in effect preventing her from taking the next step.

But the good side was that it kept Evans in Norfolk for eight years where she could learn more from the school of hard knocks. With hard work, Evans was promoted to the detective side of the police department after five years. She spent a year in the larceny section and her final two years as a homicide detective, which proved to be the most rewarding for her.

“I worked 20 murders in two years and I solved 19 of them,” said Evans, Norfolk’s first female detective. Evans said the 20th one was eventually solved in a plea bargain agreement involving another case.

Evans credited her success in solving these cases to common sense, schooling, gut instincts and most of all “a great partner” with whom she still keeps in regular contact with.

“He is like my big brother and my best friend to this day,” Evans said. “You have to have that relationship with your partner.

Teamwork and her criminal-investigator knowledge are also what Evans is happy to pass on to her present partner of sorts, MA1(SW) Laurie Arden, GW’s command criminal investigator. “He’s like my right-hand man,” Evans said. “He’s learned a lot, especially during interrogation interviews.”

“Special Agent Evans and I work with each other on a number of different things,” Arden explained. “I think we work very well together. Generally it’s high-paced. The cases she’s involved with are at a level that requires immediate assistance and the highest level of attention.”

From tracking down a person to knowing a particular shipboard evolution, Arden said he is Evans’ “go-to

person.” But processing a crime scene is where Arden says he’s benefited the most from his partnership. “I’ve learned an awful lot, specifically the photography side of my job.”

He said he also received valuable training from Evans on handling evidence and the interviews, all of which he hopes to apply to his law enforcement career after he leaves the Navy and becomes an NCIS agent himself.

GW might well be Evans’ most challenging assignment. Her tasks are varied because NCIS has changed its mission due to the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

Along with the investigative work she does on board, including gathering information for other NCIS agents in cases involving battle group Sailors, she’s also the battle group commander’s threat-assessment contact for port calls. Evans visits each probable location, and with the help of her NCIS counterparts, recommends which areas of the town or city are safe for battle group Sailors and which are not.

“I never know what’s coming over the computer and what I’m going to be involved in,” Evans said. “When I get off this ship — usually a one-year assignment — I’m going to be well rounded.”

Like all Sailors, Evans, who also has a brother serving in the Navy, said she’s had to find her niche as a crew member. While she is a civilian, she considers herself part of the crew. “I’ve learned a lot as far as the Navy’s structure is concerned. Everybody fights to find a place to fit in. I’ve found that place.”

One aspect of shipboard life she didn’t think she would have trouble dealing with is a deployment.

“Six months, no big deal. I thought six months would go by fast, but we’re [almost two] month[s] into it,” said Evans with an air of newfound realization. “There are a lot of hills to get over but that’s good. It’ll keep me busy.” But she did add without hesitation, “I’m ready for a port visit.”

One thing Evans has taken to heart about her new shipmates is a new level of appreciation for them.

“Now I’ve really learned a respect for everyone,” said Evans, who is the civilian equivalent to the rank of O-5. “My respect [for them] isn’t any different [than it is] for a captain or an admiral. We’re all going through the same stuff together.”



ADAMS Supervisor Training

Want to be a better supervisor? Attend the one-day Alcohol and Drug Abuse Managers/Supervisors (ADAMS) for supervisor training being held Sept. 24 and 25. For more information contact SHC (SW/AW) Young, Command DAPA or MA1 (SW) Purley at 624-6921.

Scheduled Power Outages

Mineo Residents, there will be a scheduled power outage for generator maintenance on Sept. 10 to the 13, from 9 a.m. to noon.

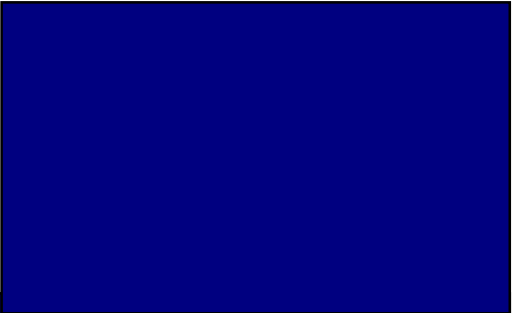
Etna HHH 250th Run

Our running club, the Etna Hash House Harriers is having our 250th run and would like to tell the Sig. Community being that the majority of our members come from NASSIG.

Exercise, socialize and see Sicily in a whole new way.Families and children welcome. See our homepage <http://www.etnahash.com>

Kid’s Computer Essay Contest

Military kids worldwide will have the opportunity to win one of 10 personal computers being given away during an August commissary promotion. The essay contest, on “Why I am Proud to Be an American,” is sponsored and funded by manufacturers that sell products in the commissary. Essays can be submitted online at <http://www.familymedia.com/dmi/index.lasso> or mailed to Family Essay 2002, PO Box 399, Old Bethpage, NY 11804. Essays are to be 100 words or less and submitted (postmarked) no later than Sept. 15. Winners must be legal dependents of authorized commissary shoppers.



AD

By Alberto Lunetta
Community Relations

Italian News

SICILIAN CULTURE AND LIFESTYLE

Catania hosts Religious and Fish Festival

“Ccu vera firi, evviva ‘a Bedda Matri ‘i l’Ognina,” (with true faith, long live the Beautiful Mother of Ognina). This is what parishioners scream as they proceed in procession during the *Festa della Madonna di Ognina* (Feast of the Virgin Mary of Ognina) which will be held in Catania in the lively district of Ognina from Sept. 8 through 15.

Ognina is an ancient harbor that used to be called “The port of Ulysses,” in Roman times. It also hosted a temple dedicated to Goddess of war, Athena Longatis. In 1381, the port was partly filled by a lava eruption that created a beautiful small bay housing the present-day port.

The Ognina community venerates the Virgin Mary as the protector of fishermen and sailors. This devotion is rooted in some miracles that the Madonna has worked to protect the Ognina bay and its residents. According to tradition, one of the most extraordinary events occurred on March 26,1933. A violent sea storm threatened the gulf of Ognina. Part of the pier and some boats were damaged. The houses overlooking the coast were lapped against by 40 foot-tall waves. In order to avert the danger, local fishermen invoked the Virgin Mary’s help. They placed the statue of the Madonna on the church’s square, after moving it from the altar of the Ognina Sanctuary. Hours later, the sea calmed down.

Today, devotees still invoke the Virgin Mary in every sort of need and celebrate a yearly festival in her honor. The origin of the festival dates back to the 19th century. The residents of the area initially funded the festival. Money was collected and put into pottery moneyboxes, named

Caruseddi that were later broken during a short ceremony held on the Friday preceding the actual festival celebrated on Sept. 8.

Recently, it was decided that each fisherman, instead of giving a donation would allocate half of his own weekly income, named *menza parti* to support the organization of the festival.

Originally, the festival featured a procession during which a statue depicting the Virgin Mary was brought in procession on a wooden carriage through the few practicable streets of Ognina district. But on Sept. 8, 1885, a fire broke out after the festival as some devotees left the candles lit on the wooden carriage to honor the Madonna. The wax melted and set both the statue and the carriage on fire. Thus, a new statue was needed to replace the damaged one. While a French monk was carving this new statue in Paris, a wax sculpture depicting a newborn Virgin Mary (named *bammina* or baby girl) was temporary displayed in the sanctuary. In 1889, a new statue, depicting the Virgin Mary holding baby Jesus was placed in the sanctuary.

The Sanctuary hosting this precious statue was erected in 1392. In a 16th century document a local notary named *Merlino*, wrote that the church had miraculously survived a big earthquake that destroyed the local area in 1542. *Merlino* also wrote that after the earthquake a group of prisoners were temporary locked up in the church since the prison was destroyed.

In 1676, historian *Giovanni Andrea Massa*, wrote that pilgrims from all over the world came to the Ognina Sanctuary to thank the Virgin Mary for the graces (healing or other miracles) she had granted them.

After a terrible earthquake in 1693, the church was rebuilt facing north.

The church has three naves and features a magnificent bronze gate. In the 17th century, Giacomo Vignerio, a Raphael student, painted its interior.

On Sept. 8, at 8 a.m., the festival opens with the *Svelata*, the unveiling of the statue depicting the Virgin Mary. The statue is lighted and placed next to the tabernacles to symbolize the union with her son Jesus.

Catania Archbishop celebrates a solemn High Mass in piazza Ognina in the evening at 5 p.m.

Following the Mass, the *Processione della Madonna a mare* (the procession of the Virgin Mary at sea) begins among fireworks at 6 p.m. The statue is placed on a boat and carried in procession along the gulf of Ognina.

On Sept. 15, at 5 p.m., the statue depicting the Virgin Mary will be brought in procession through the streets of the Ognina district.

Complementing the religious celebrations, a fish festival is held on Sept. 13 at 8:30 p.m. Fishermen set up food stands in piazza Ognina selling tasty fresh sardines, anchovies, squids, spoonbills and shrimps fried in olive oil.

The schedule might be subjected to changes. For more information call the Italian speaking only Ognina Parish at 095-494241.

The port of Ognina is easy to reach. From the Catania Train Station take viale Africa. Once you get to piazza Europa turn right and drive for about a mile along the Riviera until you reach a little port right before the overpass that leads toward Acicastello. The Ognina Church is located under the road.

Wine festival in Milo

On Sept. 7 and 8, a wine festival will be



Photo courtesy of Catania Tourist Office

The Sanctuary Santa Maria di Ognina, located in Catania in the lively district of Ognina, will host the Feast of the Virgin Mary of Ognina from Sept. 8 through 15. The Ognina community venerates the Virgin Mary as the protector of fishermen and sailors. The highlight of the festival is an evocative procession at sea, during which the statue depicting the Virgin Mary holding baby Jesus is taken from the Ognina Church to the harbor and carried on board a small boat for a procession around the bay. Celebrations also include a fried fish festival.

held in Milo. Festival attendees can taste and purchase some of the best Sicilian wines at the *Centro Servizi* which is located opposite to the cathedral. It is open from 10:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. Food booths will also be set up along the historic center (*Via Etnea*) from 7 p.m. through late night. For more information call Milo tourist office at 095-955437.

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THE SIGNATURE
Sigonella, Sicily

HC 4 Change of Command

By Lt. j.g. Jacob Brynjelsen
HC 4 Public Affairs Officer

Helicopter Combat Support Squadron Four (HC 4) held its change of command on Saturday, Aug. 31. The guest speaker was Capt. James F. Scurria, a former CO and plankowner of HC 4. Commander, Helicopter Tactical Wing US Atlantic Fleet, Capt. John Brown, was also in attendance. The ceremony culminated with the traditional reading of the Commanding Officer's orders and the passing of command to the new CO, Cmdr. Mike Fitzpatrick. Families, friends and the entire squadron were present to congratulate the new CO and say farewell to their former commanding officer, Cmdr. Dan Braswell.

Braswell's time as CO was marked by several HC 4 firsts and by exemplary operational achievements. Under the guidance and leadership of Braswell, HC 4 participated in numerous exercises and operations including Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, ROYAL SIERRA, VENITO RESCUE, ROYAL ECHO, Exercises Cooperative Key and Bright Star, and numerous CVBG and ARG support missions.

Braswell was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Major and Mrs. Buford W. Braswell, Jr., USMC. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a degree in political science on May 25, 1983 and earned his Naval Aviator wings in Sept. 1985. Braswell served in HC 4, HM 12 and USS LaSalle during operational tours. Ashore, he served as company officer at the U.S. Naval Academy and as Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Aviation Facilities Readiness Officer on the staff of Commander, Naval Surface Forces Atlantic Fleet. Prior to reporting to HC-4 as XO, Braswell attended the Marine Corps University in Quantico, Virginia as a student in the Command and Staff College.

The new Commanding Officer of the Black Stallions is now tasked with continuing to provide support to Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and the myriad other services for which HC 4 is responsible.

Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Fitzpatrick graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in May of 1985. He served multiple tours in H 46 squadrons and earned a surface warfare designation during a ship's company tour aboard USS Coronado. Ashore, Fitzpatrick suc-

cessfully completed several military and academic schools. He served as the Executive Officer of the Black Stallions since April of 2001, assuming command on 31 August 2002. HC 4 also welcomes Cmdr. Kevin Bianchi as its new executive officer. He and his family join the Black Stallions from the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia.

AD

HOROSCOPES

ARIES: Be supportive in order to avoid confrontations. There might be a problem with a will or with an insurance policy. Make sure any presentation you have is ready. You can dazzle members of the opposite sex with your quick wit and aggressive charm. Difficulties with your mate may lead to isolation. Don't try to hide your true feelings from your mate.

TAURUS: Try to be patient with their inability to accept your new beliefs. You should be looking into making changes around the house. Don't let your anger consume you and don't allow important matters go unattended to.

GEMINI: Listen, but don't make any rash decisions. You need some help this week. Too many opportunities and too many changes going on. Look for professional guidance if it will help unite the family. You are best to keep your cash in a safe place. Be careful not to show your temper when dealing with the boss.

CANCER: You will be uncertain of your feelings. You should get involved with activities that can be enjoyed by both young and old alike. Deception and doubts may surround your involvement with friends and relatives.

LEO: You may have some difficulties with someone you live with. Don't let someone you work with put words in your mouth. Financial gains can be made. Use your ingenuity to manipulate things to get what you want. Someone you live with will, be impossible. Limitations will set in if you haven't followed the rules. Don't believe everything you hear.

VIRGO: Don't take sides if you wish to remain on good terms with both parties. Your partner may be reluctant to tell you how they feel. They will not have the patience to wait for you to complete things that they've asked you to do.

LIBRA: It's time to reevaluate your own motives and make changes to yourself first. Make plans to do something special with the one you love. It's doubtful anyone will try to stand in your way or cut you off at the pass this week.

SCORPIO: Be sure to keep communication open with those you live with. Travel and communications will not run as smoothly as you had hoped. Children or friends may try to talk you into lending them money.

SAGITTARIUS: Think of joining a health club that will benefit your physical appearance. Travel will promote romantic connections. Be prepared to make compensations and adjustments. Social activities that involve the whole family will be enjoyable. Your mate is going to want and need some attention. Catch up on correspondence.

CAPRICORN: Get involved in activities that will be fun for the whole family. Emotional up and downs have caused doubts in your personal life. Plan a day of enjoyment with them. Don't let other people meddle in your private affairs. You will have a tendency to exaggerate, which will lead to major confrontations with loved ones. Channel your energy into decorating or household chores.

AQUARIUS: Your lover will be annoyed with your participation. Try to visit a country that excites you. You will have a little more energy than usual. Travel in pursuit of pleasure and knowledge. You will find that you can work progressively at improving yourself this week. Resistance leading to conflict will only make it twice as hard to turn the situation around.

PISCES: You can get ahead if you work diligently behind the scenes. Don't let situations get out of control. Your intellectual wit will bring greater popularity with your peers. Travel will be exciting. You will find your personal partner taxing this week. Work on legitimate financial deals that may enable you to bring in some extra cash.



THE MOVIE CONNECTION



AD

Eight Legged Freaks (Rated PG-13)

The residents of a rural mining town discover that an unfortunate chemical spill has caused hundreds of little spiders to mutate overnight to the size of SUVs. It's then up to mining engineer Chris McCormack and Sheriff Sam Parker to mobilize an eclectic group of townspeople, including the Sheriff's young son, Mike, her daughter, Ashley and paranoid radio announcer Harlan, into battle against the bloodthirsty eight-legged beasts. Cast David, Kari Wuhrer, Scott Terra.



TRIVIA

How many burial sites does General Stonewall Jackson have?
After his death in the 9th century, which pope was dug up and tried for various crimes?
What was the Michelin Man's first known name?
On average, how much money is lost at the tracks because of careless misplacement or thrown away tickets?
Which pope served as a sergeant for Italy in WWI?
(Answers on page 7)

Best Sellers-- Lunch Box Kits

- Bob the Builder Novelty Lunch Kit
- Hot Wheels Metal Lunch Kit
- Forever-Sweet Barbie Soft Lunch Kit
- Hot Wheels Soft Lunch Kit
- Sesame Street Soft-side Lunch Kit



They did what?
Pipe dreams.

Wayne wanted to make a few bucks by selling stolen scrap metal. He snuck into a demolition site and surveyed the area for valuable hunks of debris. His eyes fastened upon what appeared to be a 3" thick copper pipe, but it was too heavy for him to budge it.

He hauled a few lesser chunks of metal away, and returned with sturdy bolt cutters. It was then, when he attempted to sever the pipe, that he was shocked to discover that it was actually an aluminum cable carrying 11,000 volts of power. The paramedics who later tried to revive the electrified Wayne were thwarted by the current. He did not survive to be charged with his offence.

Off the Rack!
High Crimes

Ashley Judd and Morgan Freeman work together again in a new film about solving that 'really hard case', but it's not a spin off the first film, *Kiss the Girls*.

In *High Crimes*, Ashley is Claire, a hot shot lawyer whose happiness revolves around her overplanned pregnancy. Her husband, Tom (Jim Caviezel) isn't who he says he is, and when he is found out by the FBI, it turns out Tom is really Rob Chapman, a deserter from the Marine Corps who is framed for the murder of nine harmless civilians in El Salvador.

Though Claire is angry about her husband's deceit, she stands beside him to learn the truth, and defends him in the court martial. She finds one of the best military lawyers to assist her in the trail, but instead finds a former alcoholic and retired Marine Major, Charlie Grimes (Morgan Freeman).

Through the entire trail someone does not want her to succeed, threatening her life constantly.

This movie did keep you guessing until the very end, where the story teller left the end wide open. *High Crimes* is very suspenseful, if you were somehow related to Claire... the rest of the cast were treated as mere devices used to twist the plot and look pretty.

I don't blame Ashley or Morgan for the standard suspense story, the film went through the motions but didn't have what it takes to be a top notch thriller. Better luck next time.



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